## HOUSE RESOLUTION 181 By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend O. L. Walker, owner of Walker's Supermarket in Adamsville.

WHEREAS, it is refreshing to know that in an age dominated by big, franchised grocery stores, there are still neighborhood grocery stores that play an important role in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize citizens of our state who, despite long hours and hard work, continue to operate such small grocery stores; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is O. L. Walker, who will retire on his birthday,

April 4, 1998, after 67 years as the owner-operator of Walker's Supermarket in Adamsville; and

WHEREAS, for 67 years, the store has served as an important focal point for

community activities; a place where old friends could meet, reflect on the history of Adamsville and discuss current concerns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walker is a distinguished graduate of Adamsville High School; and WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, he has generously and adroitly contributed his time and leadership to numerous community activities; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as President of the Bank of Adamsville and continues to serve on the bank's board of directors; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Walker served expertly as Chairman of the McNairy County General Hospital Board of Directors for 18 productive years; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout and active member of the Adamsville First Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to reflect fondly on the many selfless contributions made by O. L. Walker to his community and state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend O. L. Walker and wish him well on his retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this duly inscribed resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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